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I have the honour, with reference to the Secretary-General's note SCPC/1/92 (4), to transmit herewith the report on the measures instituted by the Bulgarian Government in implementing Security Council resolution 757 (1992), imposing sanctions against the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia.

I would appreciate it if you would arrange for this letter and its enclosure to be distributed as a document of the Security Council.

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Annex

Report on the measures instituted by the Bulgarian Government in implementing Security Council resolution 757 (1992) imposing sanctions against the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro)

Since the very outset, the tragic events in the former Yugoslavia have been a source of deep concern and apprehension for the Republic of Bulgaria. The Republic of Bulgaria pursues a principled policy of non-interference in the internal affairs of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro), of refraining from actions as may further complicate the situation. As a neighbouring country, it has a vital interest in an early and lasting settlement of that fratricidal conflict in a peaceful way and by political means. This would contribute to strengthening peace and security in the Balkans and in Europe, to restoring the good-neighbourly relations and mutually beneficial cooperation between the countries in the region.

The Government of the Republic of Bulgaria shares the conclusion of the Security Council that the situation in the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro) constitutes a threat to international peace and stability, and supports resolution 757 (1992) adopted by the Security Council on 30 May 1992. In doing this, it proceeds from the understanding that the measures stipulated in the cited resolution are not directed against the peoples of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro), but are aimed towards assisting in the earliest cessation of military activities, for a peaceful settlement of the conflict. The Bulgarian Government notes with satisfaction that the measures instituted do not prevent the rendering of humanitarian assistance and the provision of foodstuffs and medicine to the population.

Regarding the implementation by the Republic of Bulgaria of resolution 757 (1992), on 5 June 1992 the Council of Ministers of the Republic of Bulgaria adopted Decree No. 94, by force of which it:

1. Prohibits:

(a) The import of commodities and products originating in the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro), and exported therefrom after 30 May 1992;

(b) Any activities which would promote, or are aimed at promoting the export or transshipment of commodities or products originating in the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro), and exported therefrom after 30 May 1992, notably the transfer of funds into the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro) for the purposes of such activities or dealings;

(c) The sale or supply, or any other activity aimed at promoting or facilitating the sale or supply of commodities or products, whether or not originating in Bulgarian territory, to any person or body temporarily residing or based in the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro), or to any person or body engaged in business activity carried out in or operated from the territory of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro). This prohibition does not apply to the sale or provision of medical supplies or foodstuffs notified to the Committee of the Security Council established pursuant to resolution 724 (1991);

2. Prohibits the export or provision to the authorities in the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro), or to any commercial, industrial or public utility enterprises in the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro), of funds or any other financial or economic resources, as well as the remitting of funds to persons or bodies registered as carrying out business activity in the territory of the Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro), except payments made exclusively for medical or humanitarian purposes and foodstuffs;

3. Denies permission to any aircraft, regardless of its registration, to take off from, land in or overfly the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria, if it is destined to land in, or has taken off from, the territory of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro), unless the particular flight has been approved, for humanitarian or other purposes consistent with the relevant resolutions of the Security Council, by the Committee established pursuant to resolution 724 (1991);

4. Prohibits the provision of engineering or maintenance services to aircraft registered in the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro), or operated by or on behalf of entities in the territory of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro), or of components for such aircraft; the certification of airworthiness for such aircraft, and the payment of new claims against existing insurance contracts and the provision of new direct insurance for such aircraft;

5. Instructs the Ministry of Foreign Affairs to notify the Embassy of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro) of:

(a) The requirement that the Embassy should reduce its staff;

(b) The non-admission for participation in sporting events in Bulgarian territory of persons or groups representing the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro);

(c) The suspension of scientific and technical cooperation, cultural exchanges and visits to Bulgaria by persons or groups officially sponsored by, or representing the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro);

On 9 June 1992, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs notified the Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro) in Sofia of the measures instituted in that connection;

6. Instructs the Ministry of Finance to institute the necessary measures for freezing all assets in Bulgarian banks deposited by or on behalf of the authorities of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro), as well as by or on behalf of persons or entities permanently residing or carrying out business activity in the territory of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro).

The Government of the Republic of Bulgaria will act strictly in accordance with all other provisions contained in resolution 757 (1992) and in close cooperation with the Committee established pursuant to resolution 724 (1991). It instituted the above-cited measures in the clear understanding that they will amount to suspending the traditional relations and businesslike cooperation between our neighbouring countries. Their implementation will cause substantial economic and financial losses and damages for the Republic of Bulgaria, for persons and entities maintaining business relations with partners in the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro). In exercise of its right under Article 50 of the United Nations Charter, the Government of the Republic of Bulgaria intends to draw up and submit to the Committee established pursuant to resolution 724 (1991) a memorandum on the losses and economic difficulties to be caused to the Republic of Bulgaria and its citizens and entities as a result of the implementation of resolution 757 (1992), with a view to seeking ways and means for their compensation.

The Government of the Republic of Bulgaria expresses its hope that the efforts of the international community will bring about an early settlement of the conflict in the former Yugoslavia and the lifting of the measures imposed pursuant to Security Council resolution 757 (1992).